

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota Secretary of State Chris Nelson has led South Dakota through many election changes and updates; and,

Whereas, Secretary Nelson has been instrumental in the development of the Central Election Reporting System (CERS) Program which has been recognized on a national level for its excellence; and,

Whereas, Secretary Nelson has received the Election Center 2009 Professional Practices Award for the development of the CERS Program; and,

Whereas, Secretary Nelson has worked with the Native American community in the state of South Dakota to establish a partnership so that civil rights will not be ignored; and,

Whereas, Through excellent training sessions with the county auditors of South Dakota, Secretary Nelson has proven to the nation that fair and honest elections are achievable; and,

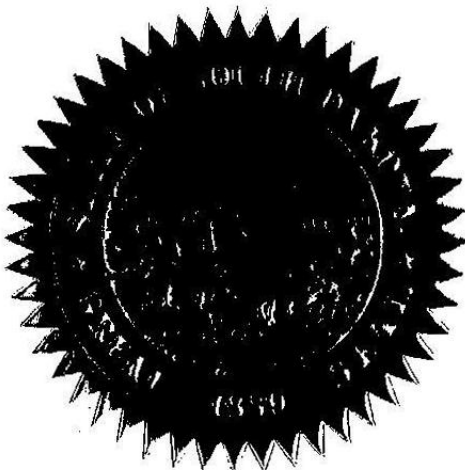
Whereas, Above all else, Secretary Nelson's passion to preserve the integrity of every election and every voter has been passed on to the election officials across the state of South Dakota, from the county auditor to the precinct worker; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend this South Dakotan, fellow co-worker, and friend, for his dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2009, as

CHRIS NELSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State